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SUBJECT: Activities of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem.

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REMARKS: We have certain details on the following persons mentioned in the report:

- (a) Tawfik Ibrahim was reported to have been instructed by the ex-Mufti to organise arms smuggling between Libya and Egypt.
- (b) Mohamed As-Saffuri: one of the ex-Mufti's ex-guerilla lieutenants in Palestine.
- (c) Emir Audeh: an ex-Palestinian terrorist and possibly a Communist.
- (d) Abdullah Samara: see our P/566 of 21.10.52.

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Political

Activities of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem  
May 1954

1. On May 6th 1954, Ali Haider HUSSEINI, a son-in-law of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el HUSSEINI, arrived in Damascus from Cairo. He brought with him a letter from the ex-Mufti for Marut DAWALIBI, Syrian Minister of Defense in which the ex-Mufti requested that at least some of the Palestinian refugees should be armed so that they might be formed into bands to wage guerrilla warfare against Israel.

2. DAWALIBI promised to assist and Ali Haider HUSSEINI thereupon formed two committees (one each in Syria and Lebanon) to take delivery of the arms and organize the guerrilla bands.

3. The Damascus Committee will consist of:

Sheikh Tewfik IBRAHIM @ Abu Ibrahim AS-SAGHIR  
Zaki ABDULRAHIM  
Sheikh Hassan HASSUNI  
Ramsi ALJIR

The Beirut Committee will consist of:

Abdullah SALERA  
Mohammad AS-SAFFURI  
Himri AUDEH  
Mohammad el-Abid MUSSA.